GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:111
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
RENEW OF LICENCES OF SAWMILLS
CHHATRAPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the licences of sawmills are being renewed even after the orders of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding the renewal of licences of sawmills in Uttar Pradesh especially in Bulandshshar and Meerut districts two years ago;

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) & (b) Licensing of sawmills is a subject matter of State Government.Hon`ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 4.3.1997 directed closure of all unlicensed saw mills, veneer and plywood industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh.Ministry is not aware of renewal of licenses of unlicensed saw mills.

(c) Ministry is not aware of any complaints regarding the renewal of licences of saw Mills in Uttar Pradesh especiallyin Bulandshshar and Meerut Districts two years ago.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.